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1. OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR COUNCIL (CONAN) CONFIRMED THAT VENEZUELA WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUP 3. VENEZUELAN PARTICIPANT WILL BE COL. JOSE SANTANA QUEVEDO, DEPTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CONAN. PLEASE INCLUDE CARACAS AS ADDRESSEE FOR CABLES RELATING TO ACTIVITIES OF WORKING GROUP 3 AS WELL AS THOSE FOR GROUPS 1 AND 8.
 2. CONAN ALSO REPORTED THAT MICHAEL VAISMAN, NUCLEAR REACTOR COORDINATOR, WILL PARTICIPATE IN JAN. 30 MEETING OF WG 8 IN VIENNA. REF. B CONTAINING MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF THIS GROUP WAS RECEIVED AFTER OUR MEETING WITH CONAN. MINUTES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED NOW AND WE WILL ADVISE OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS.
 3. COMMENTING PERSONALLY ON THE FIRST MEETING OF WG 8, CONAN OFFICIALS SAID THERE WAS A CLEAR DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS
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BETWEEN THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS AND MOST OF THE OTHER ATTENDING, PARTICULARLY THE EUROPEANS, BOTHWITH RESPECT TO THE CRITERIA TO BE USED TO JUDGE ADVANCED FUEL CYCLE CONCEPTS AND THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THESE CONCEPTS. THEY CHARACTERIZED THE EUROPEANS AS FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON THE ECONOMICS OF THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AND THE SPEED AT WHICH THEY CAN BE EVALUATED AND DEVELOPED, REFLECTING, THEY EXPLAINED, THE SHORT-TERM NEEDS OF THESE COUNTRIES

FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, GAVE FIRST PRIORITY TO THE "PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE" IN EVALUATING THE ALTERNATIVES, AND SEEMED TO TAKE A MORE LEISURELY ATTITUDE TOWARD THEIR DEVELOPMENT. IN THEIR VIEW, THESE BASIC DIFFERENCES ARE LIKELY TO PERSIST THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE GROUP.
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